

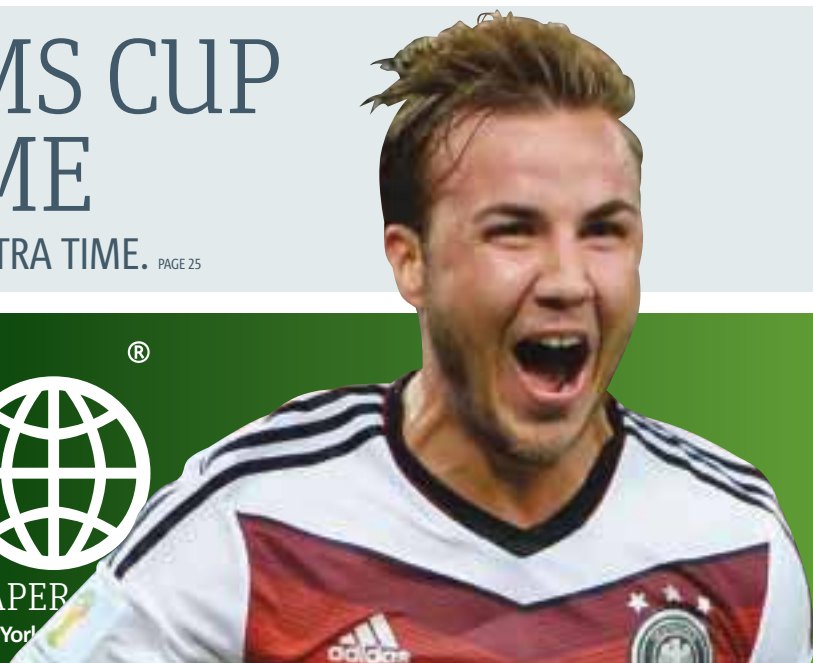
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Proliferation.

Some city officials hope to regulate the increasing number of costumed characters in Times Square after a string of arrests.

License. New legislation would require that Elmo, Spider-Man, Minnie Mouse and others acquire IDs and pass background checks.

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OUT OF CHARACTER

An Elmo checks his cell phone in Times Square on Saturday. / MILES DIXON, METRO

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Some people claim that they feel harassed into giving money to the costumed characters. / BESS ADLER, METRO

Time to ask who's behind the mask?

Masks. Proposed legislation would regulate the costumed characters of Times Square.

Elmo may be getting his own ID.

After a string of incidents and growing concern, officials are hoping to regulate costumed characters that solicit money for photos in Times Square.

"It seems crazy — wanting to give IDs to people who dress up in costumes — but there have been so many complaints," said Tim Tompkins, president of the Times Square Alliance.

The performers have become more noticeable in recent years, partially following the arrests of several characters.

"I 'grew up' with the Naked Cowboy," Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer said of the "creepy" characters. "This is not

something I'm used to."

Officials said the number of characters has proliferated. During a survey on a recent day, the Alliance counted 76 costumed performers in Times Square.

New York City is known for quirky characters. But officials said the performers often harass and threaten people, demanding tips and scaring children.

Councilman Dan Garodnick, whose district includes part of the popular destination, said tourists will pay the characters because they feel scared.

"They don't know what to do other than hand over money," Garodnick said.

The proposed legislation would require a license requirement and background checks.

Bronx Councilman Andy King plans to introduce legislation July 24. He said he doesn't want to ban the characters.

"Many of them are just earnest folks," he said.



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On regulation

"If Elmo 36 is doing bad things to people, we can track him down and take his license away."

Tim Tompkins,
president of the
Times Square Alliance



Visit Metro.us to see more photos of the Times Square characters at work.

Caped crusaders



"In the last five years, I've only seen maybe

three problems. We're just trying to do our job, and it's tough."

David Franco
25, dresses up as Batman



"A lot of the people here who do this

can't do anything else. The authorities shouldn't be taking peoples livelihoods because of a few bad apples. Just police them. There are definitely some of them who shouldn't be here. But they should leave it to the good ones to point out the bad ones before they go to extremes."

Paul Smith
50, dresses up as Spider-Man

Taking advantage



"I didn't even know that you had to pay the

costumed characters. I always thought they were just a part of Times Square, that they'd been hired by the city. I didn't want to pay \$5 for a simple photo."

Colin Eller, 22, Texas



A recent survey counted 76 costumed characters acting in Times Square during one day.

Recent incidences involving costumed characters

There's a history of offenses.

- A Spider-Man was arrested for allegedly groping a woman in June.
- A Woody from "Toy Story" was charged with forcible touching in January.
- A Cookie Monster was accused of shoving a 2-year-old in April 2013.
- Another Spider-Man was convicted last month of harassing a woman in February 2013.
- A Super Mario Brother was arrested for groping a woman in December 2012.
- An Elmo's antisemitic rant was caught on tape in June 2012.



"I think they add a certain charm to Times

Square, but being constantly asked if I want to take a photo with them gets a little frustrating.

Angela Zonunpari, 25, India

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Investigation

NYPD seek man whose punch put cop into coma

An off-duty detective remained in a coma Sunday as police searched for the assailant who punched him at a subway station.



The officer, who remained unidentified, was waiting at a 6 train platform in Gramercy at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. At some point, he got into a verbal dispute with the suspect, who was with two women.

The man punched the detective, who struck his head against the concrete. The officer, 29, was rushed to Bellevue Hospital Center. He has reportedly been on the force six years.

Police are asking anyone with information to contact Crime Stoppers at 800-577-TIPS.

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**Soccer fans pack Governors Island**

Governors Island hosted a watch party on big screen for the final World Cup match on Sunday. Several hundred people took the ferry from Manhattan and Brooklyn over to the island so that they could cheer on Argentina and Germany as they played in the title game. Fans lined the area along Colonel's Row where the game was screened. The event was an officially sanctioned FIFA World Cup viewing zone. / MILES DIXON, METRO

Goal. Germany and Argentina fans root for win at Bryant Park

Cheers erupted at Bryant Park Sunday as fans watched the FIFA World Cup in the park.

Yellow, black and red mingled with blue and white as Germany and Argentina soccer fans pulled for their teams in a game that ended with victory for the Germans.

The game was a nail biter for Analena Fabian, 18, from Germany. "I didn't expect it to be such a tough game," she said. "It was unbelievable."

Another German fan, Ferdinand Wolf, 16, felt the same. "I was shaking through the whole game," he said.

Wolf's older brother Constantine, however, was more confident. "Argentina was back in their half the entire game. They were always on defense, but I think our goal was definitely a lucky punch."

Argentina fans poured



Germany fans celebrate their victory. / SAMAR KHURSHID, METRO

out of the park, disappointed in the outcome.

"I believe we played better than the Germans," said Lucian Alba, a writer from Buenos Aires. "A win would have been perfect for us. Argentines need something to unite us, especially with our troubled economy and the problems we have back home. It's more than just soccer for us. It's something that brings us together every four years." SAMAR KHURSHID

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Banner. Beachgoers see swastika in sky

Coney Island beachgoers got an eyeeful Saturday when a plane dragged a banner wielding a swastika across the sky.

The banner equated the controversial symbol with peace and love.

The banner was the work of a fringe group called the International

Raelian Movement, which hopes to "rehabilitate" the swastika.

"Try explaining to someone who saw their loved one killed under the swastika that it is anything but a symbol of hate," City Councilman Mark Treyger tweeted.

SAMAR KHURSHID



The banner flew over Coney Island on Saturday. / PROSWASTIKA.ORG.

Free style

Brooklyn Bridge Park rink opens up

New Yorkers can now do some free roller skating at a new rink along the East River.

Brooklyn Bridge Park's roller rink at Pier 2 opened on Friday.

Free skating is available three days a week: Mondays and Fridays between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. or Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon. **CHESTER SORIA**

MTA details backup plan in case of strike

Labor. The transit agency gives details on what it will do during an LIRR strike.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority detailed its plan to accommodate commuters who might be stranded if labor negotiations with Long Island Rail Road unions are derailed.

On Friday, the MTA said it was prepared to offer bus and ferry services to counter a potential July 20 strike if the transit authority and labor leaders can't agree on a new contract.

Officials said they had 350 Long Island-based buses lined up to shuttle as many as 15,000 customers with LIRR tickets at select locations during rush hours — toward New York City from 4-7 a.m. and to-



More than 300,000 LIRR riders would be impacted by the strike. / GETTY IMAGES

Times have changed

"There were no park-and-ride lots, no ferries, no real-time monitoring, no telecommuting. Today, the MTA has a far stronger, more robust, multifaceted plan."

MTA CEO Thomas Prendergast said about the last LIRR strike in 1994

ward Long Island from 3-7 p.m.

A ferry service would also run three times in the morning from Glen Cove to East 34th Street in Midtown Manhattan, and three times back in the evening. As many as 1,000 riders can board at no cost.

Those choosing to drive will come across less construction, as the state announced it would suspend any non-emergency work if there were a strike.

The MTA said it would also offer 4,000 parking spaces at CitiField and 3,000 at the Aqueduct Racetrack while providing regular reports through social media.

An estimated 300,000 riders use the LIRR system every day.



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LIRR union workers have voted to strike as early as July 20th. Should this occur, we want you to understand the very limited travel alternatives available to you.

LIRR provides 300,000 trips every weekday – a service that cannot be replicated. Expect roadways to be extremely congested and ***commute times to be significantly longer than usual***. We strongly urge you to consider the following options:

- Work from home, or stay with friends and family in or near the city to take advantage of subway and bus services
- Discuss telecommuting and/or flex time options with your employer
- Connect with others willing to carpool by using New York State's Rideshare tool at www.511ny.org/rideshare
- Use existing bus services

The MTA is planning to provide very limited, weekday, rush-hour, peak direction only shuttle bus service starting within 24–48 hours of any declared strike. These buses will operate between designated parking lots in Nassau and Suffolk counties and New York City Transit subway hubs in Queens. Only a fraction of regular weekday rush hour customers can be accommodated on this extremely limited service, so crowding is inevitable and you should anticipate long commute times.

Shuttle bus service should be your last resort.

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Clearing the air. State governments can help US speed up drone use

U.S. state governments should help break a regulatory logjam that currently bans aerial drones from delivering packages, filming movies and monitoring crops and pipelines, officials from Oklahoma, a state with extensive drone experience, said on Sunday.

The U.S. Federal Aviation



Administration lacks rules to govern commercial drone activity, and is widely expected to miss a 2015 deadline for creating them because of their complexity. In the interim, state governments could help with key elements to take a major burden off the FAA, officials said. **REUTERS**

Spending bill

Key Republicans balk at White House border funds request

Leading Republican lawmakers balked on Sunday at supporting a White House spending request aimed at bolstering the U.S.-Mexico border, while

calling for changes to allow faster deportations.

Sen. John McCain, an Arizona Republican, said that the priority had to be stopping the flow of children and teenagers from Central America to the United States. **REUTERS**



YouTube meeting with Hollywood in bid to gain premium video content

Screaming for streaming. The site is the most popular location for video streaming.

YouTube has embarked on a new round of discussions with Hollywood and independent producers to fund premium content, two sources with knowledge of the talks told Reuters, a move that could bolster a three-year-old multimillion-dollar effort that has had mixed success so far.

The talks underscore Google Inc.'s desire to complete YouTube's transition from a repository for grainy home videos to a site sporting the more polished content crucial to securing higher-priced



YouTube is trying to lure more marketers for premium video advertising. / METRO PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

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"We are always exploring various content and marketing ideas to support and accelerate our creators."

YouTube representative

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Executives did not lay out exactly how a program would be structured. One of the two people said the site may offer between \$1 million and \$3 million to produce a series of programs, and it might contribute marketing funds as well.

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Over the past two months, YouTube executives have begun making the rounds, talking to Hollywood producers to explore the kinds of support it could offer its content creators and produce more must-see programming, according to the two people.

The second person said the site was interested in videos shorter than the 30-minute, TV network-quality Web shows that Amazon.com and other online sites have recently funded.

The latest round of discussions is in its initial phases and actual measures may never materialize, the sources said.

The site declined to comment on the meetings. **REUTERS**

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Three dead after California shootings

The gunman. He was identified as John Izeal Smith, 35, of Pasadena.

Three people were killed and two wounded in a shooting late on Saturday afternoon in Pasadena, California, before the gunman surrendered, police said.

Police responded to multiple 911 calls from residents about shots being fired and found a man

barricaded in a home after "shooting indiscriminately" at people passing by, said Lt. Vasken Gourdikian of the Pasadena Police Department. The man also fired heavily upon officers arriving at the scene.

After a standoff, police persuaded the suspected gunman to surrender and he was taken into custody without further incident, Gourdikian said.

Police did not provide a motive for the shootings nor whether the suspect had any connection to the victims. **REUTERS**



Counts of murder

3

Smith was being held after being booked on three counts of murder, Pasadena police said. The victims' identities were not available.

The summer debut

'Supermoon' hangs in the sky

A "supermoon" rose above cities from New York to London on Saturday night, the first of three times this year the



full moon will orbit nearer the earth and appear unusually large and bright.

The supermoon is technically known as a

"perigee moon" and occurs when the moon is full as it reaches perigee, the point of its orbit closest to the Earth, The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said in a statement. **REUTERS**

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Relationship

Amid new spy scandal, Kerry calls US and Germany 'great friends'

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, standing alongside Germany's foreign minister on Sunday, stressed the strategic importance of relations between the two countries, which have been battered by new allegations of U.S. spying on Berlin.



"Let me emphasize the relationship between the United States and Germany is a strategic one," Kerry said in Vienna on the sidelines of nuclear talks with Iran. "We have enormous political cooperation and we are great friends."

Kerry, appearing alongside Germany's Frank-Walter Steinmeier, did not address the latest spy scandal, though his remarks appeared aimed at the subject.

"We will continue to work together in the kind of spirit we exhibited today in a very thorough discussion," Kerry said, adding that he wished Germany well in its World Cup soccer final against Argentina on Sunday.

Steinmeier also spoke of the importance of U.S.-German cooperation in working to resolve the conflicts in Afghanistan and the Middle East, and the Iran nuclear standoff.

REUTERS

Thousands of Gaza civilians flee area after warnings



Most refugees fleeing from Israeli air strikes have found shelter in a school of UNRWA in Gaza City. / GETTY IMAGES

Israeli military. They told residents of three of Beit Lahiya's neighborhoods to get out of the town by Sunday.

Thousands fled their homes in a Gaza Strip town on Sunday after Israel warned them to leave before it attacked rocket-launching sites, on the sixth day of an offensive that Palestinian officials said has killed at least 160 people.

Militants in Hamas-ruled Gaza kept up rocket salvos deep into the Jewish state as the worst bout of Israel-Palestinian bloodshed in two years showed no signs of abating, and Western foreign ministers said a ceasefire was an urgent priority.

gent priority.

Israel dropped leaflets into the town of Beit Lahiya near Gaza's northern border. They read: "Those who fail to comply with the instructions to leave immediately will endanger their lives and the lives of their families. Beware."

U.N. officials said some 10,000 people had fled south to eight schools run by the world body in Gaza City.

A senior military officer, in a telephone briefing with foreign reporters, said Israel would "strike with might" in the Beit Lahiya area from the late evening hours on Sunday.

He did not say if this would include an expansion of an air and naval offensive into a ground operation in the north of the narrow, densely populated Mediterranean enclave.

"The enemy has built

Palestinian deaths

160

The Gaza Health Ministry said at least 160 Palestinians — among them about 135 civilians, including 30 children — have died during six days of warfare.

rocket infrastructure in-between the houses [in Beit Lahiya]," the Israeli officer said. "He wants to trap me into an attack and into hurting civilians."

At schools run by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in Gaza City, Beit Lahiya residents arrived in donkey carts filled with children, luggage and mattresses, while others came by car or taxi. One man, still in pajamas, said some inhabitants had received phone calls telling them to leave.

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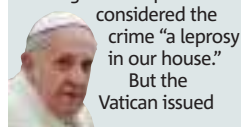
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Newspaper reports

Pope says about 2 percent of priests are pedophiles

About 2 percent of Roman Catholic clerics are sexual abusers, an Italian newspaper on Sunday quoted Pope Francis as saying, adding that the pontiff considered the crime "a leprosy in our house."



But the Vatican issued

a statement saying some parts of a long article in the left-leaning La Repubblica were not accurate, including one that quoted the pope as saying that there were cardinals among the abusers.

The article was a reconstruction of an hour-long conversation between Pope Francis and the newspaper's founder, Eugenio Scalfari, an atheist who has written about several past encounters with the pope. REUTERS

OMG! Meet this German wrestler — now meet his huge right arm

German arm-wrestler Matthias Schlitte, famed for his ginormous right arm — the result of a rare genetic condition — tells Metro how his unique physicality helps him in everyday life.

How do you prepare yourself for tournaments?

Normally I go to the gym five or six times a week, for one to two hours at a time. My training is a combination of working on my chest muscles, shoulders, legs, back and special exercises like on a table for arm wrestling — and sparring, of course.

Any special diet?

I try to drink more water. Sometimes I have to lose some weight. And I drink special vitamin supplements.

Do you only wrestle with your gigantic right arm?

I can't say that my left hand is as strong as the right. But I do fight with



Having problems opening that bottle of ketchup? Just ask Matthias Schlitte. / REX FEATURES



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my left one in national championships and at small tournaments.

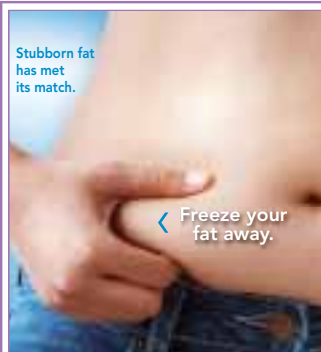
So how big a difference is there between your arms, strength wise?

I can explain this by their size: My right bicep has 12 inches more than the left one. But make no mistake, my left hand is not weak — it's normal — but my right hand is very strong.

You have a few nicknames: Popeye, Hellboy. What's your favorite?

Listen, almost all arm wrestlers are called Popeye. But call me Hellboy — I really like this name. It reflects the reality. [The comic book hero Hellboy has a large rock-like right arm.]

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How big data can change the way we learn

Predictions

Holding your attention

Cukier also says studying big data would be particularly useful to students with learning disabilities or conditions like attention deficit disorder.

"With kids with short attention spans, we can monitor when their attention starts to lag," Cukier notes. "And then, sort of like what Hollywood does to keep a viewers attention, we can add things to help bring the student back."

Modern learning.

A new book says enhanced technologies can benefit both students and professors.

You don't have to search hard to find negative articles about the impact "big data" is having on our lives.

Two authors are working to change that. In their new e-book, "Learning with Big Data: The Future of Education," Oxford University's Viktor Mayer-Schönberger and The Economist's Kenneth Cukier look at the positive impact data can have on education.

Valuable data includes

observing whether or not a student re-watches an online lecture, how long it takes to read a posted article, or whether or not they rewind or fast-forward through a video.

The pair argue that by examining the way students interact with online materials, professors can individualize their lessons for each student.

"Let's say you get a B-minus in a class," says Cukier. "But the teacher sees that you watched the lecture three times. That's different from a student who gets a C but watched the lecture once or not at all."

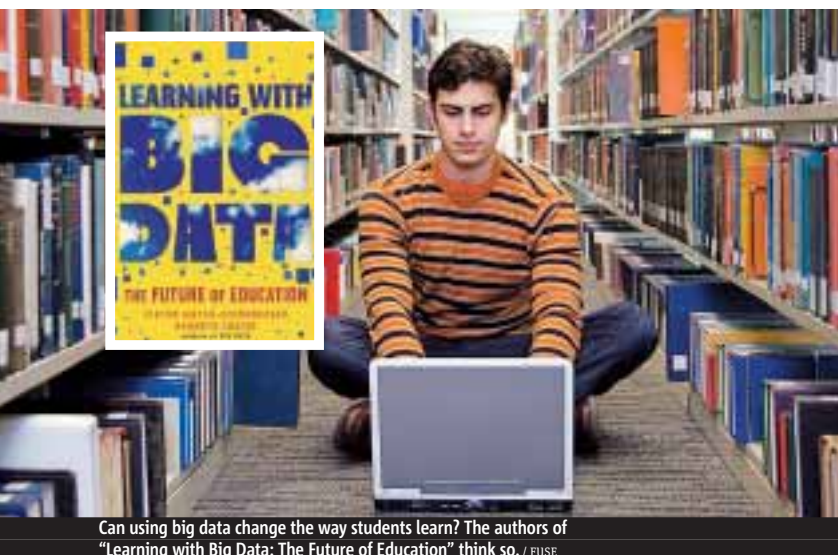
"And then let's say the teacher discovers that you tend to look at the material only once, but you do really well," he continues.

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Can using big data change the way students learn? The authors of "Learning with Big Data: The Future of Education" think so. / FUSE

Tailoring education

The authors say that there are three core qualities of big data that will enhance the way students learn:

- Feedback
- Individualization
- Probabilistic predictions

"That means you are a really quick study and that they can accelerate you."

Of course, many people reading this are probably thinking that the idea that their professor can see how they prepare for class seems very Big Brother. Do we really want our schools to know that much about us?

The authors acknowledge that many students and teachers may need

time to get used to the idea.

"It's true that it can seem a little bit creepy," admits Cukier.

"But all tech, in a way, is a little bit creepy. When Caller ID first emerged, people were outraged that anyone could see their phone number. Our values have changed over time."



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Ways to beat brain drain this summer

Continuing education. Don't let the dog days of summer prevent you from learning new tricks.

of the finance and tech worlds, as well as a video game designer, users can practice trading stocks, take lessons and compete tournament-style against others.

"There are many that would say that the market is a game — we're not trying to say that," says Kapitall's chief operating officer Jarett Lilien. "But if you look at games, games should be approachable to those who are new to it."

It's hard to get anything done when it's boiling hot outside. But with long weekends and a good central air system, summer can be a great time to expand your mind and learn a new skill. Here are just a few ideas.

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Only one in 10 high schoolers can solve complex financial problems. / DIGITAL VISION

Most teens can't manage money

Money matters. American teens don't know much about finance.

American high schoolers have a hard time answering basic questions about bank accounts, saving money and credit cards.

That's according to a new study by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which compared the financial literacy of 15-year-olds in 18 countries.

Only one in 10 high schoolers was considered a top performer (which is de-

fined as someone who can "look ahead to solve financial problems or make the kinds of financial decisions that will be only relevant to them in the future"). That's in sharp contrast to Chinese students, who ranked at the top of the list.

The gap between Chinese and American students is stark. Students in Shanghai province received a mean score of 602 on the exam, a startling 100 more than the mean score for the rest of the countries studied. As for American teens, their mean score was 492, which the researchers deemed average.

Some lawmakers are pressing for more financial education in schools. The Atlantic magazine notes that 27 states have legislation related to financial literacy pending.



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Skills

The test

Students were asked to do things like interpret a sample invoice, read a bank statement and — in one of the more difficult questions — explain the benefits of paying off a high-interest loan with money from another lender.

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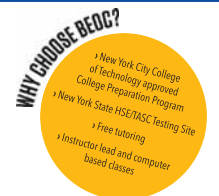
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Today, Marlon Wayans has more important things to do, Katy Perry has snack food pride, Mindy Kaling doesn't understand Cameron Diaz's new movie and Miles Teller is considering a career change.

@MarlonWayans: Truth be told I'd rather work than party.

@katyperry: I love pita chips!

@mindykaling: If my body looked that good I would not be that embarrassed of my sex tape.

@Miles_Teller: If anyone can invent a pair of headphones that don't fall out while running on a treadmill I will sell them for you with my body on HSN.

1

Spielberg faces close encounters of the dumbest kind



Quoted

"Disgraceful. No wonder dinosaurs became extinct. Sickos like this kill every last one of them as soon as they are discovered. He should be in prison."

That triceratops never saw it coming. / JAY BRANSCOMB, FACEBOOK

In what seems like a hard-to-believe plot in a Steven Spielberg movie, Facebook user Jay Branscomb made the most of recent outrage over rich people posting photos of themselves and the rare animals they've killed by posting a photo from the set of "Jurassic Park" featuring Spielberg and a mechanical Triceratops with the caption, "Disgraceful photo of recreational hunter happily posing next to a triceratops he just slaughtered. Please share so the world can name and shame this despicable man." The humorous image was shared more than 33,000 times. Here's the thing, though: There are a lot of gullible people on the Internet. Like, a lot. And a lot of them thought the image was real. Maybe they also thought "Jurassic Park" was a documentary? Here are some of the responses, some of which we really hope are sarcastic.

They really said this

- "One day we realize that we are killing all animals on this planet and we need them to survive. But, when we realize it will be too late."
- "I did not know that Steven Spielberg is a dinosaur hunter. I am not only outraged, but disgusted!!"
- "Why did he kill such a rare animal?"
- "He's a disgusting inhumane p—. I think zoos are the best way to keep these animals safe. A—holes like this piece of s— are going into these beautiful animals' homes and killing them. It's no different to someone coming into your home and murdering you. I'm not watching any of your movies again, ANIMAL KILLER."

2

Bad satire is the new black

And because online hoaxes, no matter how ridiculous, seem to keep dominating social media, we have to mention this one: Don't worry, "Orange Is the New Black" fans, your favorite show about women in prison hasn't actually been canceled. A site that's apparently supposed to specialize in satire called Empire News posted a story over the weekend

that Netflix had canned the Emmy-nominated series, which is currently filming its third season. Fans online, naturally, freaked out, because that's what the Internet is for. I guess everyone was supposed to know it was a hoax because of this patently ridiculous quote at the end of the article attributed to Netflix CEO Reed Hastings: "A woman's place is in the



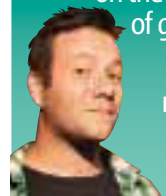
We'll definitely be seeing these ladies next season. / GETTY IMAGES

home, in the kitchen, taking care of children. A woman in jail? How does anyone watch this show

in the first place?" Guys: If there's a dinosaur or an extremely unlikely cancellation, it's a hoax.

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The man without a face

Interview. You know "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" star Andy Serkis. You just may not know it.

He's the biggest movie star you don't know by face: British actor Andy Serkis is the performer who was motion-captured to portray Gollum in the "Lord of the Rings" and "Hobbit" films and, these days, Caesar in the current "Planet of the Apes" reboot series. "Dawn," the franchise's latest, finds mo-cap technology at its best-so-far — which is good, as Serkis will be using it extensively for his directorial debut, "The Jungle Book."

Like the Tolkien films, the effects are done by WETA. Do you work closely with them in post-production to get those subtleties of movement and facial expressions?

No. That used to be the case. For Gollum, that was the case, because when we did Gollum it was a slightly different system. My performance was filmed, as it is now, but then the animators basically copied all facial expressions afterward. So the animators' job was to literally match every nuance of my facial expressions. In the "Lord of the Rings" days, I used to talk to the animators afterward and re-enact bits for them. But today, 14 years later, the advancement of technology being what it is, a lot of the work is done for them.

Do you find your acting approach changes doing live-action or mo-cap?

The acting process is no different whatsoever. If I was to play Gollum in a 21st-century setting, I wouldn't play him any differently than if I was playing him in Middle Earth. In terms of the backstory, the emotional content of the character, the approach is the same. What this all adds up to is acting, really, and it doesn't matter whether you're wearing a costume or makeup, or if you're putting on a unitard and a head-mounted camera.



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Andy Serkis returns to the "Ape" series as its mammal protagonist. The finished product: Serkis becomes chimp leader Caesar (inset).

SERKIS: GETTY IMAGES, CAESAR: WETA

The many looks of

Andy Serkis

Gollum



The 'Lord of the Rings' and 'Hobbit' films

A milestone in motion-capture technology, Serkis' performance as the obsessed creature was one of film's first believable CGI characters.

King Kong



'King Kong'

Serkis reunited with director Peter Jackson to create a monster historically done with models and stop-motion.

Captain Haddock



'The Adventures of Tintin'

Steven Spielberg's all-CGI cartoon naturally made room for Serkis, who played Tintin's sidekick.

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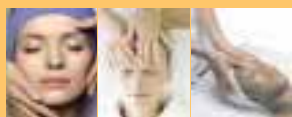
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12 years a (movie) dad

Interview.

Ethan Hawke can finally talk about "Boyhood," the secret project he's been in since 2002.

Ethan Hawke has been waiting a long, long time to talk about his new film, "Boyhood." Directed by regular collaborator Richard Linklater, the film was made a month at a time over the course of 12 years to chronicle the development of a boy (Ellar Coltrane) from ages 5 to 18, as well as his divorced parents (Hawke and Patricia Arquette). But they had to keep quiet — in the age of the Internet, no less.

"Last year, when Rick and I were doing press for 'Before Midnight,' people really started asking us a lot about it for the first time," Hawke says. "For a long time, even if

it would be on IMDb or something, it didn't really make people's radar. It was hard for people to even understand what we were up to, and we certainly didn't want to talk too much about it before it was real. The truth is, we really tried not to talk about it, but sometimes it was impossible. I would get too excited, and I have a blabbermouth anyway."

"Boyhood" was a different kind of film in more ways than one. "Most movies are sprints and just require an immediate kind of discipline. But this movie required real patience," he explains. "Rarely in film do you have that kind of ges-

tation process. Rick was kind of born a fully developed filmmaker. I mean, 'Dazed and Confused' was his second film, and it's an incredibly well-made film. He hasn't changed much, so I don't think it was hard for him to maintain a continuity of style and approach over 12 years. It's just who he is."

This is also Hawke's eighth film with Linklater, whom he first worked with on 1995's "Before Sunrise." "I've spent a large chunk of my life on film sets with him. And if you add up all the promotion and all the rehearsal, it starts to be a huge chunk of my life. And I just can't think of any bet-

ter way to spend it. I don't know how to say these things so they don't come out the wrong way, but Linklater has a specific kind of ethos to his films that I'm really happy to be a part of. So many movies, even if they're really entertaining and exciting and thrilling and everything, they leave you kind of feeling badly about your own life — like why you're not a superhero or why you don't ever get to meet blue aliens. Even being on the Titanic seems exciting!

"Our lives seem so full of minutiae and seem so much less than your average CIA narrative," he says. "But Rick seems to be satisfied with life as it is, and he doesn't feel the need to hyperbolize it. He thinks it's pretty dramatic and beautiful and exciting as it is. For me, that's kind of revolutionary."



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Hawke, on director Richard Linklater

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Koba (Toby Kebbell, left) leads an assault in "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes." / WETA

Box office. 'Apes' triumph over big space robots

"Dawn of the Planet of the Apes," a sequel about highly intelligent apes that battle with humans for dominance, has knocked the giant "Transformers" robots out of the top spot on U.S. and Canadian movie charts.

Top 5 earners

- 1 'Dawn of the Planet of the Apes' \$73 million
- 2 'Transformers: Age of Extinction' \$16.5 million
- 3 'Tammy' \$12.9 million
- 4 '22 Jump Street' \$6.7 million
- 5 'How to Train Your Dragon 2' \$5.9 million

The 3-D "Apes" movie collected \$73 million in ticket sales from Friday through Sunday, according to estimates from Rentrak. "Transformers: Age of Extinction," a sequel that ruled the box office the two previous weekends, dropped to second place with \$16.5 million.

"Tammy," a Melissa McCarthy road trip comedy, claimed the No. 3 spot in its second weekend with \$12.9 million.

In limited release, Richard Linklater's "Boyhood," filmed over 12 years, grossed a stunning \$359,000 from only five theaters. Its per screen average of \$71,800 was second highest of 2014, after "The Grand Budapest Hotel," which holds the all-time record.

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TV watch list

DRAMA

'24: Live Another Day'

The rebooted series finishes its season with Jack Bauer doing what he can to prevent an international crisis by making a very difficult decision.

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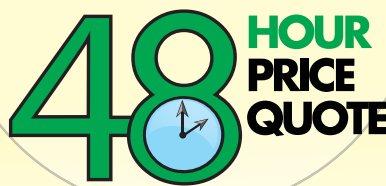
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DOCUMENTARY

'Mutant Planet'

The show travels to Borneo to see what strange creatures they can find. Borneo has some rainforests, so we're guessing some freaky bugs are going to be featured.

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Shakira 'suffered' during the World Cup just like you

Music. Singer talks being the voice of the tournament and family life.

Yesterday, Colombian pop sensation Shakira got football fans moving their hips yet again when she made her third consecutive World Cup appearance at the closing ceremony in Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium before the final match. We chatted with the "La La La (Brazil 2014)" singer before her big performance about her son with Spanish footballer Gerard Pique, charity work and, of course, who she was rooting for.

If your career were in football, would you be a player or coach?
Coach, because you have to know how to play both



Shakira performs during the closing ceremony for the 2014 FIFA World Cup on Sunday. / GETTY IMAGES

on and off of the field. I'm a strategist — I won't take a step before studying the movements well.

How would you like your career to evolve?

You can use fame to achieve many things. Music is the platform that allows me to talk about

those subjects that require urgent attention. I worry about children, as well as education — a very important issue in Latin America [that] I am working on.

What's family life like?

This year has been very intense with many travels and emotions, so you have

Q&A

How have you enjoyed the World Cup?

I have enjoyed it — and suffered for it. First with Spain, then Colombia. I shed many tears, but it filled me with pride that the Colombian national team made history at the World Cup. I [was rooting for] Argentina to win it — for the Americas.

to take time to be with the family. I have a son who's learning to walk and requires all our attention. Gerard completes me, so we try to be together most of the time.

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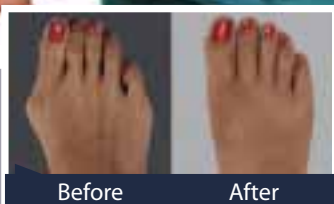
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Cooking with Jessica Alba

Easy recipes. The super-fit celeb and mom gets creative with coconut water.

There are certain celebrities whose bodies are so close to perfection that you can't help but wonder: What the heck does she eat? Jessica Alba is one of those people, and we had to know her secret. Alba revealed to us that one of her secrets is cooking with Zico Premium Coconut Water. We joined her in the kitchen and got her to teach us three easy recipes.



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Recipe

Watermelon ice pops

We finished off our meal together with something sweet and refreshing. "My kids love watermelon," Alba says. If you don't have ice pop molds, she says you can use Dixie cups and the ice pops turn out just as delicious.

Ingredients:

- 4 cups watermelon chunks, seeds removed
- ½ cup Zico Premium Coconut Water
- Juice of 1 fresh lime
- 2 tablespoons agave nectar
- Ice pop molds

Directions:

Combine watermelon, coconut water, lime juice and agave nectar in a blender. Puree until smooth. Transfer to ice pop molds and freeze.



Recipe. Kale salad with coconut water vinaigrette dressing



Ingredients

For salad:

- 1 bunch kale, washed; remove stems and ribs
- 1 peach, sliced
- 1 plum, sliced
- 1 nectarine, sliced
- ½ cup blackberries
- ½ cup sliced almonds

For vinaigrette:

- ¼ cup Zico Premium Coconut Water
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper

"What's great about this salad is that you can add any kind of fruit to it," Alba tells us. If you've struggled with making kale at home, so has she. "Whenever I made kale, it was always really tough," Alba says. "What I learned is to massage the dressing into the kale."

Directions:

Combine all ingredients except almonds and blackberries into a large bowl and massage kale with the vinaigrette until leaves become soft and dark green. Toss sliced fruit with dressed kale. Garnish with blackberries and sliced almonds.

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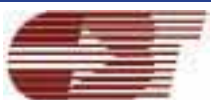
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Digital etiquette for the smartphone generation



Lizzie Post sits, center, with family members and co-authors Anna Post, Peter Post and Daniel Post Senning. / SABIN GRATZ

Workplace dilemmas. Emily Post's family is bringing etiquette to the 21st century.

Emily Post made a name for herself in the early 1900s as a world-renowned expert on etiquette and manners, advising readers on everything from making polite conversation to the right way to host an afternoon tea. Several generations later, her descendants are continuing her legacy with a 21st-century twist — by advising people on life in the digital age.

"It's kind of unbelievable the leaps and bounds we have made in just the last few years and how much digital usage has increased," says Lizzie Post, Emily's great-great-granddaughter and one of the

authors of the latest edition of "Emily Post's The Etiquette Advantage in Business." We asked Post for her take on the social media dilemmas many of us face in the workplace.

Should you accept that LinkedIn request?

With the popularity of LinkedIn, it's common to get all sorts of connection requests from everyone from high school friends to your neighbors. "I don't respond to people on LinkedIn that I don't

Digital ethics

To friend or not to friend?

"While typically most of us have always bonded with our co-workers, it's really different today," says Post. "Previously, it was very controlled in what you allowed your co-workers to see," she says. "You can always tell a co-worker, 'I had to make a decision and I decided not to mix my work and personal lives.'"

know well or that I haven't worked with closely," says Post. "For people like high school friends, unless I know your work, I decline the request."

What if you don't want to write that recommendation?

"I don't recommend friends," says Post. "It's one thing to be friends with you, but that doesn't mean that I know how you work. With endorsements, it's a little bit different. If I have seen your blog and have read your book, then I feel like I can do it."

What should you say to your friend who constantly complains on Facebook?

Many of us have a friend who constantly complains online. "It puts something negative out there, and it's most likely something like 'My boss sucks,'" says Post. "The best way to handle it is to say, 'I'm your friend and I've seen lately that you've been complaining a lot on Facebook,'" says Post. "Just say 'I know people who have been caught by that before and I don't want that to happen to you.'"

Self-reflection

Ask yourself what impression you are making online

"Google yourself," suggests Post. It's good to see what others see when they search for you. Are there public posts of you drinking or partying?

Post says you may want to erase those, but it's ultimately up to you to decide what's important to you. "Are you going to let your career dictate your online persona, or are you the type of person that is going to say, 'No, this is who I am and I am going to find a position where this isn't going to matter?'" Post asks.



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Cancer | June 21-July 22. Getting the whole family involved in home decoration or renovations will make the work go much faster.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Family discord will lead to a dilemma. You will be able to steer clear of conflicts if you keep an open mind and compromise.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Keep a lid on your temper. If you become frustrated with everyone around you, do something that will keep you occupied and out of trouble. It's better to be safe than sorry.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. You will be restless if you have too much idle time. Plan an inexpensive outing. A nature walk or a trip to an art gallery or museum won't blow your budget.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. No matter what you do, you'll face opposition. Don't take criticism to heart. Do the best you can, and refuse to engage.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Distance yourself from interfering friends or relatives. If you meddle, you will only aggravate lingering control issues.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Spend some time and money on yourself or your surroundings. If you are too giving, there may not be enough left over.

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. You will be taken aback by some unanticipated changes in your living arrangements. Don't overreact or become anxious.

Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. You will find fault with everyone and everything today. Think before you speak, or you will ostracize everyone around you. Keep busy.

Aries | March 21-April 20. Be tolerant of family members. Sometimes, the smallest issues can be blown out of proportion if you are disagreeable.

Taurus | April 21-May 21. Inactivity will be your downfall. Make alterations to your everyday routine that will move you in a positive direction.

Gemini | May 22-June 20. Traveling can be a source of entertainment. The more diverse your outlook, the easier it will be to envision new possibilities and goals. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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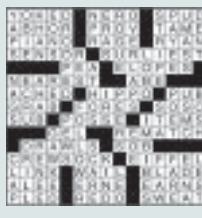
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- 55 Small job
- 56 Greek restaurant treat (2 wds.)

Down

- 58 To — (exactly)
- 59 In case
- 60 Wahine's welcome
- 61 Allow to use
- 62 Cafeteria item
- 63 Repair-bill item
- 1 Flout, as authority
- 2 Hull plank
- 3 "I" problems
- 4 At all times, poetically
- 5 Paying off
- 6 Celtic priest
- 7 Smoke-detector output
- 8 Created
- 9 Time period
- 10 United
- 11 Toward the future
- 12 Dorothy, to Em
- 13 Lost cause
- 18 Use an auger
- 22 Ask a question
- 23 Trite
- 24 Central points
- 25 Hall-of-Famer Mel —
- 26 "Wool" on clay sheep
- 27 Ms. Braxton
- 28 Boxing matches
- 29 Bank offerings
- 31 Animal weapon
- 32 Dossiers
- 33 Eurasian mountains

- 34 Luxury car
- 36 "Quo Vadis" co-star
- 38 JFK lander, once
- 40 Assemble
- 41 Tabloid seller
- 43 Grand Ole —
- 44 Sum
- 45 Give a speech
- 46 "A Doll's House" writer
- 47 Enjoyed
- 48 Like potato chips
- 50 Wolf's expression
- 51 Designer — Schiaparelli
- 52 Door handle
- 53 Mountain refrain
- 54 Equipment
- 56 Diner sandwich
- 57 Ga. neighbor

Weekend's answer



Letters

Bee aware of pesticides

Working with Toxics Action Center has opened my eyes to the issue of neonicotinoid pesticides in supposedly bee-friendly plants. As a volunteer coach for my local Girls On the Run chapter near my college, I took it upon myself to work with my third- through fifth-grade girls to plant a garden. After reading the report "Gardeners Beware," I am now terrified that our small garden plot that was such a wonderful experience for these young inner-city girls may be harming the local bees. I cannot express my concern and disdain for the companies that are allowing consumers to unknowingly poison bees.

ERIN STEVENS, VIA EMAIL

Violent cycle

It was wrong for Palestinian terrorists to murder three Israeli teens, it was wrong for Zionist terrorists to murder a Palestinian teen and for the Israeli gestapo to beat a Palestinian-American teen; it's wrong for Hamas to fire rockets at Israeli civilian targets; it's wrong for the IDF to fire missiles at Palestine civilian targets; it's wrong for Palestinians to deny Israel's right to exist; it's wrong for Israel to illegally occupy Palestinian West Bank land and deny the Palestinians statehood.

C. HANSON, VIA EMAIL

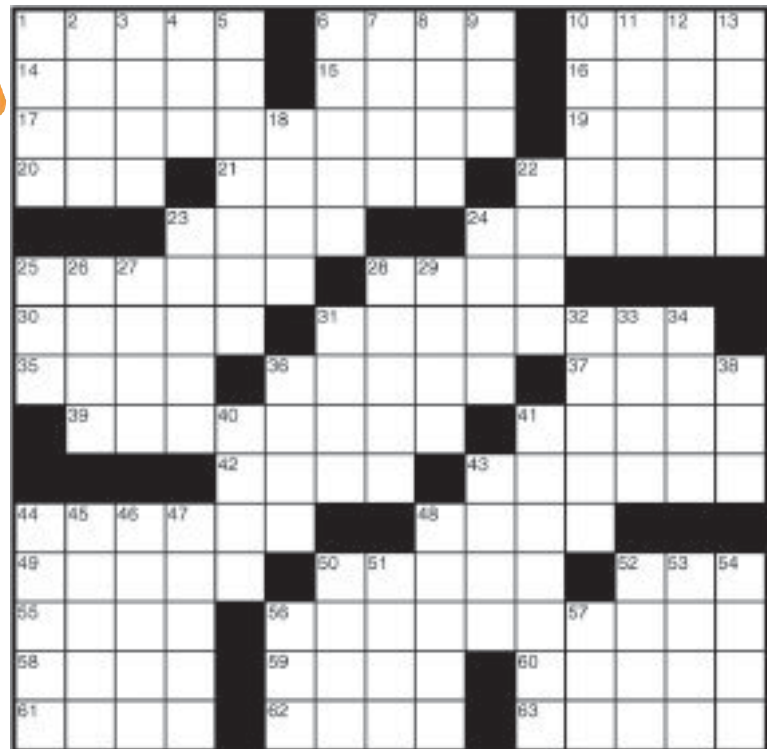
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Anthony confirms return

Though it had been reported for days, Carmelo Anthony confirmed his return to the Knicks on his website Sunday. "I want to stay and build here with this city and my team," Anthony wrote. "Through it all, my heart never wavered."

Yankees All-Star break

MLB. The Yankees hit the midway point hovering around .500 despite a multitude of injury issues.

The first half of the season rarely went as planned for the Yankees, right down to a massively disappointing injury diagnosis to Masahiro Tanaka in the final week.

But the team was over .500 heading into a late-night Sunday finale with Baltimore and still in position to contend for the wild card.

It's an amazing situation considering just how many players have struggled or been injured. Metro breaks down the grades for the team's first half.



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Brian McCann

The Yankees were counting on McCann to be a much bigger offensive force than he's been. His .238 batting average and .393 on-base percentage are the worst of his career, but he's only slightly behind his usual home run pace. Still, the Yankees need more.

Grade: C-

Mark Teixeira

Teixeira has shown more power than he has since 2011, which also happened to be the last year he was healthy.

For the most part, Teixeira's wrist has held up, which was a serious concern. His sub-.250 average is just a given at this point.

Grade: C

Brian Roberts

Perhaps most shockingly, Roberts has played in 81 games. But if you expected him to replace the production of Robinson Cano, you were crazy.

The Yankees are probably happy to settle for a 1.5 WAR at this point in his career.

Grade: C

Derek Jeter

The now 40-year-old Jeter is turning it on late in the first half of his final season. He has raised his batting average to .271 by hitting .301 since dropping to a season-low of .254 on June 8.

Thankfully, he has also been totally healthy after a miserable 2013.

Grade: B

Brett Gardner

Gardner's average and OBP are on par with last season, but he's been striking out more than ever. He has been striking out once every 4.63 plate appearances after once in 4.79 in 2013 and 6.32 in 2011. (He missed most of 2012, remember.) He also has just 15 steals.

Grade: B-

Jacoby Ellsbury

Ellsbury's first season as a Yankee has been unremarkable, though not a total disappointment. He's a good defensive centerfielder and 40 RBIs and 40 runs is not bad. It's just not worth \$153 million.

Grade: C-



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Carlos Beltran

While Ellsbury has been mediocre, Beltran has been a complete disaster in his first season of a three-year deal. He is batting just .216 with a -.0.7 WAR dealing with a chronic elbow injury and now a freak broken nose has derailed him again.

Grade: D



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Masahiro Tanaka

Unfortunately, these grades did not come a couple weeks ago.

Tanaka has hit the DL for six to eight weeks with a torn elbow ligament after a brilliant (12-4, 2.51 ERA) start. Now, who knows?

Grade: A-

Hiroki Kuroda

The question going into 2014 was if Kuroda was done after going 3-7 with a 4.25 ERA in the second half of 2013. He's been about the same in 2014: 6-6, 4.10 ERA. You can't expect more from a pitcher with 18 pro seasons on his arm.

Grade: B-

CC Sabathia

It may not be the worst thing for the rest of Sabathia's career to miss the rest of 2014. But it's left the current team in a major lurch.

A final decision will be made in a couple weeks. But he had a 5.28 ERA before the injury.

Grade: D

David Robertson

Robertson has blown just two saves in 25 chances in his first season taking over for Mariano Rivera. His 59 strikeouts and 2.76 ERA in 32 2/3 innings is more than adequate.

Grade: A-



DAVID ROBERTSON HAD HUGE SHOES TO FILL WITH THE RETIREMENT OF MARIANO RIVERA.

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End of the world

Germany nets winner in extra time to win Cup

It felt like a scene we had seen before.

A scoreless deadlock, extra time dwindling away and penalty kicks on the horizon.

The World Cup was just under 10 minutes away from being decided by penalties — and then Mario Gotze bounced the ball off his chest in the 113th minute and fired a shot past Argentina's goalie Sergio Romero to give Germany a 1-0 advantage, one that would hold through the rest of extra time.

The Germans posted an impressive 18 goals in the World Cup and handed Argentina its third World Cup finals setback.

The match was portrayed as Lionel Messi vs. the Machine, but the



Mario Gotze has already won three German league titles and a World Cup at 22 years old. / GETTY IMAGES

By the numbers

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Mario Gotze's goal in the 113th minute — the 23rd minute of 30 minutes of extra time — was the latest goal scored in the history of the World Cup final.

three-time FIFA Ballon d'Or winner for Player of the Year was mostly quiet Sunday. Nonetheless, he was given the Golden Ball for the tournament's best player despite having no goals after group play.

Germany won the title for the fourth time, but the first since 1990 when it was still West Germany.

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